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SUBJECT: EVENING REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT, MY MEETING WITH FOREIGN

MINISTER ALLON

1. I HAD AN EXTREMELY FRANK BUT FRIENDLY 2-1/2 HOUR TALK WITH ALLON TODAY. HE DESCRIBED AT LENGTH THE CONCERNS OF ISRAEL, AND THE PROBLEMS FACED BY THE LABOR PARTY IN NEXT WEEK'S ELECTIONS, AS A RESULT OF DOUBTS HE SAYS HAVE BEEN RAISED IN ISRAELI MINDS BY OUR RECENT STATEMENTS ON VARIOUS ELEMENTS OF A PEACE SETTLEMENT, AND IN PARTICULAR MY STATEMENT THAT AT SOME POINT WE WILL MAKE SUGGESTIONS OF OUR OWN IN THE NEGOTIATIONS. THESE DOUBTS HAVE BEEN COMPOUNDED, HE SAID, BY NEW REPORTS THAT OUR FORTHCOMING ARMS TRANSFER POLICY WILL NOT INCLUDE ISRAEL AMONG THOSE COUNTRIES EXEMPTED FROM OUR RESTRICTIVE GUIDELINES ON CO-PRODUCTION AND THE TRANSFER OF ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY.

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MEETING OUR LONG STANDING SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH ISRAEL AND OUR COMMITMENT TO ITS SECURITY, I SAID WE WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE WHAT ISRAEL NEEDS TO DEFEND ITSELF, INCLUDING ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY. I DID NOT, HOWEVER, GIVE ANY ASSURANCES ABOUT SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL'S DOMESTIC ARMS INDUSTRY, AS THEY WANTED, SINCE THIS COULD HAVE BEEN INTERPRETED AS AGREEMENT TO THEIR

F-16 CO-PRODUCTION PROPOSAL. ON THE PEACE PROCESS, I TOLD THE PRESS WE CONTINUE TO CONSULT CLOSELY WITH ISRAEL AND DO NOT INTEND TO IMPOSE A SETTLEMENT, WHICH MUST BE BASED ON AGREEMENT AMONG THE PARTIES. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION, HOWEVER, I REITEREATED THAT WE WILL BE PREPARED TO INJECT OUR OWN SUGGESTIONS AT AN APPROPRIATE STAGE.

- 3. I REVIEWED IN GENERAL TERMS FOR ALLON THE RESULTS TO DATE OF YOUR CONSULTATIONS WITH ARAB LEADERS. ALLON URGED THAT WE PRESS THE ARABS TO BE MORE FLEXIBLE. NOT ONLY ON THE PEACE AND PALESTINIAN ISSUES, BUT ALSO WITH RESPECT TO TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS. HE TOOK A FIRM LINE ON THE NEED FOR ISRAEL TO INCORPORATE PARTS OF THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES UNDER ISRAELI SOVERIGNTY IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH SECURE BOUNDARIES. SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS, HE SAID, CAN ONLY SUPPLEMENT AND DO NOT SUBSTITUTE FOR TERRITORIAL SECURITY. HE WAS ALSO FIRM ON ISRAEL'S OPPOSITION TO ANY INDEPENDENT PALESTINIAN POLITICAL ENTITY AND TO ANY DEALINGS, BY ISRAEL OR THE UNITED STATES, WITH THE PLO. I TOLD HIM WE WOULD STAND BY THE UNDERTAKINGS WITH RESPECT TO THE PLO ENTERED INTO AT THE TIME OF THE SINAI II AGREEMENT.
- 4. IN RESPONSE TO MY REAFFIRMATION OF OUR OPPOSITION TO ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, ALLON SAID THESE ARE PART OF ISRAEL'S DEFENSE CONCEPT AND ARE CONFINED TO THE STRATEGIC BELT ISRAEL MUST KEEP SECRET

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IN A PEACE SETTLEMENT.

- 5. I ALSO PRESSED ALLON FOR AN END TO ISRAELI MILITARY RECONNAISSANCE OVERFLIGHTS OF SAUDI ARABIA. ALLON SAID ISRAEL WOULD SEEK TO MINIMIZE SUCH OVERFLIGHTS BUT NEEDED INTELLIGENCE FROM TIME TO TIME ON SAUDI MILITARY INSTALLATIONS NEAR ISRAEL-HELD TERRITORY IN SOUTHERN SINAI WHICH COULD POSE A THREAT TO ISRAEL.
- 6. FINALLY, IN DISCUSSING THE ISRAELI ELECTORAL TIMETABLE, ALLON THOUGHT THEY COULD NOT HAVE A GOVERN-MENT BEFORE MID-JULY AND SAID HE DID NOT THINK IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR A NEW PRIME MINISTER TO VISIT WASHINGTON BEFORE A GOVERNMENT IS FORMED. VANCE

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